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City of Seguin Announces September 2014 Employee of the Month ***Telecommunications Operator's Actions Help Save Child's Life***

SEGUIN, Texas –The City of Seguin Employee Advisory Committee is pleased to announce Assistant Telecommunications Supervisor Denera White as September 2014 Employee of the Month.

Denera is being recognized for her handling of a December 2013 911 call from a mother who discovered her 9-month-old child not breathing in a bath tub. Denera calmly and effectively gave the hysterical caller instructions on how to perform CPR. Using Denera's instructions, the mother was able to resuscitate the child by the time EMS arrived.

"Denera did not panic at all during the call and I believe that due to her quick action and knowledge, the baby survived," SPD Administrative Assistant Diana Leos said in her letter nominating Denera.

Denera was also selected as the 2012 NICE Systems Telecommunicator of the Year. For that award Denera was recognized for instructing a Spanish-speaking mother how to clear the airway of a choking child. Knowing she was fluent in Spanish, the mother later reached out to Denera for additional assistance. Denera not only helped, she initiated donations to assist the family with food, rent, clothing and medical care.

Denera has been employed with the Seguin Police Department more than 20 years. The City of Seguin congratulates Denera on a job well done!



Assistant Telecommunications Supervisor Denara White is presented the September 2014 Employee of the Month Award. Denara is being recognized for successfully instructing a mother how to resuscitate a child with CPR. Pictured left to right: Seguin Police Chief Kevin Kelso, Assistant Telecommunications Supervisor Denara White and City Manager Doug Faseler.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located off Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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